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SUBJ: CONUS VISIT MINISTER OF DEFENSE VANDEN BOEYNANTS
(EARLY FEB 78).

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1. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS, FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OF STAFF BELGIAN AIR FORCE, GENERAL DE SMET, HAS REQUESTED A VISIT TO NELLIS AFB, NEVADA TO PERMIT HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE DEMONSTRATION GIVEN TO GENERAL DE SMET.

2. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE VISIT THE AFTERNOON OF 8 FEBRUARY. HE WILL ARRIVE FROM SAN FRANCISCO THAT MORNING AND PLAN TO SPEND THE EVENING AT HIS HOTEAL IN LAS VEGAS. HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS TO BE A VERY, VERY LOW PROTOCOL VISIT ON HIS PART AND WOULD EXPECT ONLY TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTEL TO NELLIS AND RETURN AND APPROPRIATE ESCORT OFFICER TO SHOW HIM THE
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SIGHTS OFFERED TO GENERAL DE SMET. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY COLONEL JACQUES LEFEBVRE, ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET, PILOT BELGIAN AIR FORCE, WHO WILL ACT AS TRANSLATOR FOR THE MINISTER, AS THE MINISTER SPEAKS VERY LIMITED ENGLISH.

3. FOLLOWING VISIT AT NELLIS, MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS

PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK AND ASSUMING SCHEDULE NOW
PROPOSED FOR MEETING WITH SECDEF ON 10 FEBRUARY IS
FINALIZED, WILL TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK A.M. 10 FEBRUARY IN
TIME FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY BROWN AND RETURN TO NEW
YORK FOLLOWING MEETING.

4. COLONEL LEFEBVRE HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL
ITINERARY FOR MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS' VISIT AND
POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION, IF ANY, FOR
MEETING WITH SEC BROWN, ASSUMING SCHEDULE IS FIRM.
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